

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 28, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- As noted above, the cut resistant top layer 16 may be made from a random or regular pattern of thermally formable material or coating materials. In addition to the examples given above, the material of the layer 16 may comprise latexes, epoxies, paper coating and a contact drum print that is treated by a doctor blade. Still further, a continuous sheet of polymer film could alternatively be used in place of the cut-resistant upper layer described in conjunction with FIG. 4 wherein the film is perforated by any suitable process, such as vacuum, needle or water jet perforating, laser, hot pins or mechanical punching to create holes 19 for the passage of liquid therethrough. A minimum hole diameter of 0.007 to 0.250 thousandths inch is preferred with 1/32 to 1/8 inch most preferred. Between 5 and 25 holes/square inch (depending upon hole size(s)) is preferred. The spacing between the tips of serrated knife blades vary; however, the smaller the hole diameter the less the chance that a tip of such a blade will catch on an edge of a hole 19. The film can be made of virgin polymer or blends of virgin and recycled materials or from recycled materials alone. As noted above, fillers or pigments to increase opacity, optimize desired properties, and/or reduce cost are options. Alternatively, porosity can be achieved using different processes such as pre- or post-lamination, lost mass process, leaching or scavenging.--